

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently amended)** A method of treating a woven fabric, which is a non-synthetic textile material, for example wool or cotton, which cannot normally be permanently set by heat alone to produce a stretchable fabric combination which comprises applying heat and pressure to the fabric in such a manner that the yarn strands substantially across the width of the fabric are forced closer together thus imparting generally semi-permanent stretch into the fabric while simultaneously at least partially bonding thereto a synthetic interlining fabric which is a synthetic thermoplastic material and can be heat set, such as a polyester or polyamide textile material.

Claim 2 **(Canceled)**

Claim 3 **(Canceled)**

4. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the bonding is carried out by coating or film which as well as bonding will impart stretch to the final combined product.

5. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 4 in which the bonding coating or film is a polyurethane material.

6. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 4 in which the bonding coating or film is coated on either the woven non-synthetic fabric or the interlining fabric or is a film interposed between the two.

7. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the interlining material used is a fine woven polyamide or polyester fabric.

8. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a standard rigid fusible non-woven or other relatively right knitted material is processed in narrow width form with a stretch waistband fabric to produce a laminate which has stretch characteristics in the length direction.

9. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the stretch fabric is tensioned during processing with the interlining so that it is compressively 'shrunk' back to its original dimensions.

10. **(Currently amended)** A fabric made by applying heat and pressure to ~~[the fabric]~~ a woven fabric that is a non-synthetic textile material which cannot normally be permanently set by heat alone in such a manner that the yarn strands substantially across the width of the fabric are forced closer together thus imparting generally semi-permanent stretch into the fabric while simultaneously at least partially bonding thereto a synthetic interlining fabric which is thermoplastic and can be heat set.

Claim 11 **(Canceled)**

Claim 12 **(Canceled)**

13. **(Currently amended)** A fabric set as set forth in claim [~~12~~] 10 wherein the synthetic interlining material comprises a fine woven fabric.

14. **(Currently amended)** A fabric as set forth in claim [~~12~~] 10 wherein said interlining material comprises one of a polyamide and a polyester.